

## REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, the specification has been amended to indicate that this application is a continuing application based on a corresponding PCT application.

The claims have been rewritten to better reflect U.S. practice and to reduce the total filing fees. No change in scope of the claimed invention has been intended nor has any disclaimer of any subject matter contained in the specification or in any claim been intended. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue any and all such claims in this or continuing or divisional applications in the future.

In addition, the following materials are enclosed:

1. An initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing"; and
2. An initial paper copy of the "Sequence Listing", which the applicant requests be entered by Amendment into the specification.

Applicant submits that the paper copy or written Sequence Listing is identical to the information recorded in the computer readable form to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Early examination and allowance of the claims is  
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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